

Carr Calling Inquiry To Show No 'Cover Up'

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AUSTIN — Atty Gen Waggoner Carr said Tuesday night that he ordered a court of inquiry into the President's assassination and subsequent events "to emphasize to the people of the world and Texas that nothing has been covered up."

In a press conference in which both he and Herbert Miller, head of the criminal division of the Department of Justice, answered questions, Carr pledged full co-operation with the federal probes of the events that led to the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas last Friday.

He also said he intends to investigate all details of the attempted assassination of Gov John Connally and the murder of a Dallas police officer, J. D. Tippit, who was slain while attempting to arrest the accused assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald.

OSWALD WAS shot to death before the eyes of Dallas police in the basement of the Police Station Sunday.

Carr said the court of inquiry, with the place of origin still uncertain, is expected to be completed before Christmas.

The attorney general said the

federal authorities, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Justice, have pledged full co-operation. Investigations are now being made by both federal agencies.

Carr said the evidence which the state and local law enforcement officers have gathered, as of Tuesday, has been turned over to the Department of Justice.

"Although this was done without my personal knowledge, it is all right, we want them to have the evidence . . . It will be made available to us," Carr said.

HE EXPLAINED that the court of inquiry is the only method of getting all the facts before the public as far as Texas law is concerned. He said he will use the usual resources of the Department of Public Safety in addition to his own regular staff of attorneys, plus the staffs of any other agencies interested, to gather evidence to be presented at the hearing.

No definite date for the hearing has been set and Carr said he still wasn't certain, "but I

imagine it will be as quickly as possible."

"I assume it will be held in Dallas. However, I want to talk with Dallas District Atty Henry Wade," Carr said.

"THE COURT of inquiry is the only judicial proceeding we have in this state, and there's nothing like it in the federal government, where we can have a public hearing and have witnesses, subpoenaed and put under oath to testify, with the threat of perjury if the testimony given is false."

Miller said he came to Texas Sunday and that his job is to "co-operate with, and assist the U. S. attorney to make certain all the facts of the assassination of our beloved President are made part of the public record."

"AS SOON as we can check and double check the facts a report will be released so that people of the United States and foreign countries will know the facts," Miller said.

Carr said he has no desire for Texas' court of inquiry to interfere with the federal investigations.

"Such a public hearing would emphasize to the people of the world and the state of Texas that nothing has been covered up or tainted or that there has been any effort on behalf of public officials to conspire, mislead or cover up.

"I'M NOT suggesting that any such effort has been made. But otherwise, without a public

hearing, the reports made are in the nature of conclusions of officers. Instead of hearsay, it will be fact. We think that it is important from Texas' standpoint that these things be brought out," he said.

Carr also said he was in contact with the White House staff before announcing his decision in Washington to conduct a court of inquiry into the matter that sent this nation and most of the world into mourning.

The attorney general made known his intentions in a press conference held Monday in Washington, where Carr had gone with the Texas delegation to attend President Kennedy's funeral.

CARR SAID he had also conferred with members of Gov Connally's staff "and kept them informed."

Besides Carr and Miller, U. S. Atty Barefoot Sanders Jr of Dallas also attended the press conference held in the attorney general's conference room.

Carr told newsmen that he has not chosen the justice of the peace who will conduct the hearing, but he did say that he intends to have one or more "prominent retired or former jurists as co-counsel."

Earlier in the day, Carr said if Oswald had not been slain, the court of inquiry would not be necessary as the evidence would have been presented in a Texas court of law.